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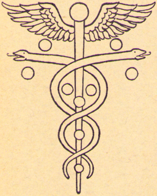

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# PAGE FOR COMMONPLACES

A difficulty is a cell with four walls - but one which has no roof.

A bad failure can always be a good experience.

It is said that anyone can find the road to heaven by taking the first turn to the right.

"Patience is the highest Nirvana; this is the word of the Buddhas."

"The power of Faith is equivalent to the power of the Will".

We attribute success to our own efforts, but our failures to bad luck or the malice of other people.

Many a man who carries on in the face of discouragement is defeated by his first success.

To make a right definition of success is the first and most important step toward achieving it.

Authority over other people is the supreme test of character, and something very few people can be trusted with.

"If like the trumpet when broken thou art not roused to speech, thou art near Nirvana. Anger is not known in thee, there is no noisy clamor in thee."

The world was created by laughter, said the Egyptians -- by the seven great peals of laughter of the God Thoth.

When you have a grievance against another, do not forget that it is your own character and not his which is being put on trial.

If another does me wrong, his character has been tested and has failed. Whether I am less weak and foolish than he will be shown by my reaction toward this injury.

The ancient saying, gnothi seauton, know thyself, meant complete honesty with the self; then, the systematic exploration of all the powers of the mind -
Perhaps too it should be written. Know thy SELF - than which no greater saying has been uttered.

# WHAT BORDERLAND SCIENCE MEANS TO ME

by

John A. Hilliard

The history of humanity is a story of the conquest of new worlds to escape the bigotry, greed, and persecution of the Old. It is observed that as man grows older in his evolution the restrictions to his thoughts and aspirations become more subtle. In like manner his conquests become more subtle. A few hundred years ago man moved to new lands --- his conquests were of lands other than his native country. Today there are no more land spaces left to go to, there is no such escape from the restrictions laid on him by modern orthodoxy in science and religion. This restriction is a very subtle one applied in his childhood during his school days when ridicule keeps him on the straight and narrow as laid out by his Teachers and his Elders. This he cannot escape because it is laid in his mind. No matter where he goes he will think as he was taught. He will find great difficulty in trying to think any other way. The avenue of escape lies into himself and becomes the conquest of self.

This inward direction is toward a new land, broad, deep and almost wholly unexplored by us. It has new materials to gather, refine and work into things of beauty and utility. It has new properties that escape definition in old terms, hence new terms must be found, new modes of thinking discovered and applied. It will not be enough to use the methods of logic, mathematics and rhetoric as method of reasoning, definition, and description, but it will be necessary to learn to think in a manner that provides us the means of measurement. A thing or a property must be sensible to be measureable. Science is the art of definitions, Physics is the art of measuring. We shall have a new science --- actually, the rediscovery from racial memory of the science of the proceding Civil Age. We shall have a new physics in which those properties of the New Land will be measured, studied and used to the good of all.

We seek escape from a war-crazed world. We believe that beyond the orthodox lies a new and wondrous world to be explored and used. Conceit, avarice and stupidity are the forces which cause war craziness. These forces work in our own minds to block our way to that new world. Therefore it is necessary to remove these blocks from our minds and hearts; to achieve a high standard of moral quality. This is in itself another ancient yet new mode of thought. Moral ability or moral quotient mean the ability to foresee the consequent of any act, and to choose to do that which does the greatest good. When the mind can visualize the effect today's activity will have tomorrow, and when the heart rules so that those effects shall be good for all, then the moral quotient is high.

All through the ages there have been explorers who have gone into this new country. They have preserved for us all the necessary knowledge to start upon our journey. The beginning of the conquest is the discovery of this knowledge. This knowledge consists of a right moral code and control of thought and emotion.

The elimination of conceit will seem to destroy our faith in what we know or think we know. For a time, we seem to be over in doubt. To others we seem to be always changing our minds. We get into the habit of saying "I think so," or "I believe" and never seem able to say, "This I know." Honesty rises from the torn earth where conceit was rooted out.

We learn also patience, fortitude, and tolerance toward those who are not yet free of the restricting forces laid in them by the old system of education. We learn patience no less with ourselves in the often long process of correcting errors in our thinking.

That first trek into the wilderness is a long one for most of us. But if we go on and not turn back we will be rewarded. But we must remember the reward will not be a new system of reasoning or another mathematics, or a new religion, or a new science in any way similar to present orthodox systems. It will be a new awareness. A consciousness of a whole new world, new to us at least, and ready for our analysis of its materials and properties, and the subsequent use of them.

A rose does not bloom by steady unfolding. There are long intervals of stasis, then sudden small motions, as if there built up inside strong pressures that push the petals apart only when they exceed the resistance of the folded bud. Consciousness unfolds as does the rose. There are long intervals during which slowly rising internal pressures tend to open the flower of sense. We have made such advances for each of the other senses. Now we approach a sixth step --- a sixth sense.

We have built for a long time on the sense pertaining to the New World. The rose is ready to open a little more. But to force it by any but nature's means is to cripple or perhaps to destroy it forever. Nature's means are augmented, and the bloom comes sooner, when we seek to attain unselfishness. Oddly enough, the achievement of selflessness is the attainment of True Selfhood. Only then are we fully prepared to enter the New World, to labor in the Father's Vineyard.

Am I preaching honeyed platitudes? It will seem so to those younger than we. As we approach the Border these things become clearer, and are known for statement of fact, cold, clear and unsentimental!

The B. S. R. A. is one of many such groups - a natural gathering of kindred forces, as if humanity as whole were preparing for the Great Day. What we learn of from one another contains, beneath the word-structures, little glittering jewels of Truth. It is for us to gather these jewels, to treasure them against the day we shall use them in the establishment of the New Civil Age. Man must go ever onward and upward. Only those who cling fearfully to the old concepts will be left behind, and none can help them but themselves.

Truly, we work along the Border, waiting the day when we shall go over to settle the beautiful country beyond. Others have gone before us; they are the pioneers, and are working and waiting to welcome us there. We labor not in vain, though what we do seems meaningless to so many.

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(In Round Robin VI-5, BSR Associate Edward S. Schultz discussed "The Nature and Implications of Borderland Science"; and in VI-6 we printed "What is Borderland Science? The Spectrum of Reality," by Associate Harold S.W. Chibbett (Lon.). In the present issue Associate John A. Hilliard writes on "What Borderland Science Means to Me", exploring the same subject matter from a more personal and philosophic approach. All three of these writers combine scientific attainments with wide reading in the esoteric or 'Illuminist' field.

(It is my own opinion, as I have said more than once before, that the future of science and of Illuminist studies alike lies in the hands of workers who are capable of making a thoroughly eclectic approach to the entire subject matter. Between the physical and the metaphysical, the esoteric and the exoteric the separation is a dichotomy only - an artificial distinction which is in fact no distinction at all. The physical sciences, however great their achievements, give us but a segment of reality; the most profound metaphysical attainments also show us but a fragment of an arc. Both are inadequate but each is complementary to the other. Perhaps the most encouraging sign in the intellectual world of our time, is that very few thinkers of distinction, or thoughtful men anywhere will be disposed to deny the truth of this proposition.

(The science, philosophy, and religion of the future, then, if not crushed beyond recovery by the threatening debacle, will be nonsectarian, nonauthoritarian, facets of the same high endeavor. Since all truth is but opinion, groups and sects, differences and authorities must always exist; but these will not be arbitrary, bigoted and dogmatic, intolerant and brutal toward one another. Then perhaps we shall say to each other: 'your thought is thus, and mine is so, and it is good that they contradict each other - for contradiction leads to synthesis and uncovers our errors.'

(It is along a pathway similar to this that the Associates of the Borderland Sciences would make their way, however gropingly, toward unattainable yet slowly increasing light).

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## EXCERPTS FROM CLAIRAUDIENT DICTATION

Maharajah Natcha -- Mark Probert, Medium

**Concerning shells & thought-forms-** Let me repeat what other members of the Inner Circle have said before, that what have been erroneously taken for corpses on the astral level * are thought forms of the "dead" and living. They issue not only from wakeful states of awareness on both sides of the veil, but are manufactured and projected from many levels of individual consciousness. As man is an inherent believer in good and evil, the results of his contacts with his fellows, whether in person or by means of his thought-forms, will be good or evil.

The degree of life and intelligence of a thought form depends purely on the life and intelligence of its creator, and the quality and quantity of desire he or she used in making it.

Thought forms are often contacted and conversed with in seance rooms, as many investigators have attested. And spiritualistic history is well spotted with highly authenticated instances of fictional characters - the brain-children of authors and writers - appearing in seance rooms. ** Such phenomena have been very irksome to many investigators, adding to their confusion . . . The longer and deeper we center our creative forces on an idea, the more life and substance we imbue it with; and if we permit it to escape out of our very personified field of conscious creation, by the process we call forgetting, it will start moving away from us into other fields of consciousness, attracted there by the pull of desire existing in the creational fields of another, whether that other is in a dream state, or wakeful on the physical plane, or in one of the same states on the astral. However, it moves not alone by the lines of magnetic attraction of another's desire, but - due to its particular structure and degree of life force instilled in it - it seeks of its own accord, by lines of least resistance, to find the most natural channel to bring itself out of the world of thought and into the world of three-dimensional reality. Andas surely as darkness follows light, and light darkness, all thought forms built out of desire will and must do this.

**Obsession by fictional entities -** Is there really such a thing as a purely fictional character? We do not think so, for the very moment an author mentally creates a character, he will be causing it to do some of the acts of a human being who lives, or once lived in the physical-chemical world, and in that instant it ceases to be an entirely fictional character. Once imbued with one human-like trait it be-

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NOTE: * "Corpses" etc. The MP Controls have often spoken of Theosophical teachers, especially HPB,, with much respect, but do not accept the "astral shells". ** A Control recently mentioned that " a character calling himself Cassius" ( Shakespeare)"is around here today." Whether he had a "lean and hungry look" was not ascertained.

comes a living, breathing entity, which can not only appear in a seance room as a discarnate being, but can so impress itself upon a living being as to almost entirely wash out his personality and take over his body. This would be classified as "obsession by a fictional entity" and such cases are more difficult to break than thos of obsession by a discarnate being - the difficulty lying in the fact that the individual becomes so charmed by the traits of the fictional character, due to his boredom with his own, that he gladly permits his own personality to be overshadowed by the make-believe one. As a rule, obsession by a former living personality is committed not only without the willing consent of the one obsessed, but often with no conscious intent on the part of the discarnate being. "

Death & after-death conditions:

"What I shall call the 'psychic body' may be extremely aware of its transition, or it may be asleep - in which case the actions it goes through are impelled either by another discarnate being acting as a helper, or by its own mind impulses working from another level. It appears to me, after years of study, that the majority of after-death sleepers are those who have had certain forms of serious mental illnesses for prolonged periods, or have suffered a great deal of physical pain. These souls are well tended by astral helpers so that they cannot be harmed by certain kinds of degenerate forces.

"Many very elderly people have a strong tendency to stay asleep for quite a long period after the transition. Especially is this true of those who had lost interest in things in their latter years. However, if they are in good mental condition they are not permitted to sleep too long.

"Children who have reached the age of two years or more are awake on the astral plane almost immediately; but if they come over before that 24-month period, they will continue to sleep. The state of consciousness they are in, however, is quite different from the sleep-consciousness of the elderly. It is the sleep of desire, into which that one fell in order to come to the earth, and from which it does not fully awaken for a 24-month period of earth life. But for very rare exceptions such souls are not awakened, for within the next nine to 24-months time these souls will find another opportunity to try again to return to physical life.

"There are as many kinds of sleep and trance conditions on the astral as there are on earth, and it is beacuse of this and the thought-forms that the theory of astral shells has been taught. When an inexperienced individual on the astral comes into rapport with one of these sleepers it is not strange that he should mistake it for a corpse, for it can talk of little else than its earth-life experiences, over and over again, just as one who has had a long and wearying day may talk and act it all out again in his sleep at night.

"Thought forms are constantly adrift in the astral, pulled hither and yon by thought currents. They are constantly modified and some are even destroyed, by which I mean that the substance of which they are formed is dissipated into a formless state, as water when it is turned to steam."

Abstracted and condensed from clairaudient dictation by the Rajah Natcha, designed for publication in Part II of the MAGIC BAG.

# THE ART OF THE DOWSER

(Dowsing or 'divining' for water, metals and minerals, lost objects, human bodies etc. reaches back at least to the Augurs of Roman times, and probably far earlier. Consult note at end of this article for sources).

DIVINING-ROD, a V-shaped twig, 6-18 inches long, of hazel wood or wire, whale-bone, uncoiled watch spring, etc., which, if the two ends are rigidly grasped by a sensitive, will in the apex forcibly move over a hidden spring (not over stagnant water), lode of metal or other objects of search (subterranean caves, graves, etc.) and unless the grip is relaxed it will, under the effect of the rhabdic force (the Greek equivalent of rod), emanating from underground, snap, change shape or revolve, like the bow-shaped rod of the French dowser Bleyton which sometimes executed as much as 80 revolutions a minute. The force apparently acts on the muscles through the nervous system. It is stopped by a silken or woollen glove, India rubber shoes, or a tight bandage on one or both arms or legs. Its manifestation somewhat resembles the telekinetic action in the seance room. The diviner is warned that the rod is about to move by his sensation; a tingling in the arm and legs, muscular contraction, giddiness, profuse perspiration. If the particular spot of ground is passed these phenomena immediately cease, leaving a feeling of exhaustion behind. Why the human organism should be so affected and how the twig snaps is a mystery. Sergeant Cox pointed out a curious analogy. Trance subjects are sometimes very sensitive to the touch of steel, drop it instantly and declare that it feels red hot. Copper affects them similarly, silver appears cool and gold positively cold. For the snapping of the twig the theory of muscular pressure is put forward. However, the movement of the rod takes place just the same if the dowser grips the ends by an iron tongue, or holds the hands of somebody who does not possess the power. Good dowsers seldom make mistakes and they can always give a correct estimate of the depth of the underground spring and of the daily yield in gallons. "

"Experience shows that the rod itself has little to do with the mysterious faculty. Some dowsers do not use it at all. Leicester Gataker, as told by Miss Goodrich Freer in "Essays in Psychical Research", relied solely on the sensation experiencedin his arm. "His hands, hung down, extended a little outwards, and on observing closely, we could see, from time to time a vibration in the middle fingers which appeared to be drawn downwards, just as in the case of the apex of the twig. His movements throughout were brisk and energetic and his statements were equally definite and decided." Abbe Bouly stated in a lecture in 1928: "I no longer require a rod, I can see the stream with my eyes; I attune my mind; I am looking for lead, I fix my eyes; I feel a wavy sensation like hot air over a radiator; I see it." In the case of John Timms, studied by Oxford scientists in 1924, the demonstration was further complicated by a foreknowledge of where the hidden streams would be found. The attraction of hidden metals on his rod varied in this order: nickel, gold, silver, copper, bronze. The researches of Mager and Lemoine are interesting on this point. They found, independently of each other, that to produce as much action on the rod as one gram of gold does one has to bury of silver 1.2 grams, of nickel 6, of aluminium 15, of zinc 40, of lead 75, and of copper 125 grams.

" According to what the dowser desires to find he may hold a bottle of water, a piece of metal, an empty tube (in search of caverns) or a personal object (for corpse in water) in his hand. Once a stream has been found it is possible, by varying the mineral substances, or by holding tubes of bacterial cultures, to determine its alkaline content or infectious state. From the latter discovery the idea was developed in France (by Mlle. Chantereine,,a follower of Mager) to use the divining rod for medical diagnosis. Promising results have been recorded in noting human reactions to disease germs, to remedies and foods, and also in noting the difference between radiations given off by a sound organ as compared with those of an unsound one.

" The following physiological explantion has been advanced by Dr. Dudley Wright: "All living beings have in their systom, cells with retractile branching processes which correspond to the movable condensers in wireless sets and, in addition, the cells of the body are capable of self-induction (on the same principle as wireless) through coiled structures in the nucleus. It is through these that the bodies of men and animals are capable of tuning, into the various wave-lengths emitted by other people, by other living things, and even by water, minerals and oil. The muscles are supplied by two sets of nerves, viz., (1.) from the cerebro-spinal system which controls the voluntary movement of the muscles; (2.) the sympathetic nervous system which controls tension of the muscles both voluntary and involuntary. The rod moves because a change in the tension of our muscles of the hand holding the rod is brought about reflexly through the nervous system by the radiations received."

" Henry Mager claims to have demonstrated two currents traversing the rod, opposite in direction, repelling one another; a discharge current passing from the body of the dowser into the earth on one side, and a return current passing from the earth to the other side of the dowser's body, to his other arm and to the other branch of the rod. He formed the conclusion that the movements of the rod are governed by the laws of electro-dynamics as formulated by Ampere in 1820.

"Dowsing is the first psychic faculty the exercise of which,has become a recognised and lucrative profession. Its ancestry reaches back to Roman times, to the "virgula divina," the sticks cast for auguries.....Psychical research neglected dowsing for some time. Sir William Barrett was its first modern investigator. He experimented with a dowser who successfully found coins placed under inverted saucers on the table. He published two lengthy reports in the PROCEEDINGS and posthumously, in co-operation with Theodore Besterman, a book. Like Chevreul he attributed the twisting of the rod to motor automatism and considered it a phenomenon allied to automatic writing. Since then considerable progress has been made. . . .

"Before the International C$_o$ngress of Experimental Psychology in 1913 in Paris, Joseph Mathieu desired to be tested for a strange claim; to divine water from maps alone. The claim was proved later. . . In Gallipoli during the war the British Expeditionary Force was nearing exhaustion owing to the intense heat and lack of water. Sapper S. Kelley, former head of Kelley and Bassett, civil engineers, Melbourne, undertook to find water by a piece of bent copper band. Within one hundred yards from the Divisional headquarters he found a spring which gave 2,000 gallons of pure cold water per hour. In a week he discovered 32 wells giving sufficient water to supply 100,000 men with a gallon of good cold water daily. The Abbe Bouly restored large areas of war-devastated land in France to cultivation by localising buried shells. He was able to discriminate between German and Allied ammunition. Bossuet claimed success in determining the sex of eggs by the use of the divining rod. Maria Mattaloni, a 24-year-old Italian peasant girl, located many old Etruscan tombs at Capena, near Rome.

"The Abbe Gabriel Lambert, the well-known French water diviner, was the subject of some interesting experiments in London. As narrated by Harry Price in PSYCHIC RESEARCH, October, 1930, the Abbe uses a bobbin (rather like a fisherman's cork float, cone-shaped and painted in stripes of gay colours) suspended from a thread in his right hand. Over hidden springs in Hyde Park the bobbin which the Abbe was purposely swinging laterally "would make a spasmodic movement, change its course, and commence spinning furiously, describing a larger and larger circle the longer we stood over the source of activity. When we reached the bank of the subterranean river the bobbin would stop dead - just as if it had been hit by a stone. The cessation of the spinning was even more spectacular than the commencement... When we came to a nappe (a pool of still water) the bobbin would make quite a different movement. The Abbe could tell the depth of the hidden supplies, their approximate volume and directional characteristics... The Abbe considers that his gift is partly physical and partly psychic. For instance, if he is looking for a nappe, he will pass over a dozen running springs without becoming aware of the fact. And the reverse is the case. He will be likewise unconscious of a flowing river (or water of any description) if he is looking for minerals of a metallic lode... To provide the other "pole" when using his bobbin, he carries in his free hand a small bottle of pure water (if looking for drinking water), a bottle of mineral water if seeking a chalybeate spring or a piece of ore similar to the metallic lode he is trying to find."

"On March 22, 1931, a congress of water diviners was held in Verona by the National Society of Rhabdomancy of Italy. Nearly 200 members assembled. It was stated by one that the King of Italy has water divining powers. A periodical, on divining rod research is being published in Germany. There is one in France, too: LA CHRONIQUE DES SOURCIERS, a monthly, edited by Le Vicomte Henry de France, President of L'Association des Amis de la Radiosthesie, founded in 1930."

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NOTES: The foregoing data are selected from the article DIVINING ROD, in Nandor Fodor's Encyclopedia of Psychic Science -- The Mark Probert Controls have asserted, that there is a kind of mental projection comparable to a radar beam; if it finds what it is seeking there is a "reaction" along the "ray" which translates into muscular automatism. This is the only explanation which can account for map dowsing, and for the selectivity described by the Abbe Lambert (sup.). The phenomenon clearly belongs in the field of radiesthesia (the pendule etc.)-- Yet in my own hands the apex of the fork bent backward against resistance, so that any muscular automatism is certainly NOT of the muscular system as recognized by the brain consciousness. (ML).

## COMMUNICATIONS OF RAMON NATALLI *

"This body or object recently seen in your skies has gone off a few degrees from its original line of approach and it may become a satellite of the earth. It is not going to strike the earth, but it is creating a change in weather conditions. And it is one of the many causes of your recent floods. . . There is yet to be quite an earthquake in Italy, also a 'quake in the Hawaiian Islands soon. The summer will be very hot with many wind storms. . . . '

"Yes, it is my belief that this object we were speaking of (sup.) is or rather was a part of the star Wolff 457. Its density is such that if it struck the earth, the latter would be shattered by the impact."

> (The density of Wolff 457 is such that a cubic inch of it, on the surface of our earth, would weigh between 9000 and 10,000 tons - which means that a cube 1/16" in dimensions, or about the size of a pinhead, would weigh something over two tons. Even minute quantities of such material, buried in the earth, might distort the gravitational and magnetic field of the area, and so produce some of the phenomena of the so-called Vortexes - as at Santa Cruz and Grants Pass. .. I might add Crehore's comment, that even in matter of such density, the average distance between nuclei would be 10 to 100 times the diameter of the atom - this for the benefit of those who imagine that the matter we see and touch can be called "dense", that it "fills up space" and leaves no "room" inside its own structure. ML).

"The rings of Saturn are not dust clouds, as one of your late writers assumes. Neither are they composed of ice particles, for these would long ago have crushed the body of the planet. Your earth had once a great band of ice around it, and when enough of this had accumulated it caved in, creating your first Ice Age. The bands of Saturn are matter of a kind but it does not come from the planet. Also, there is much change in these bands or rings. There is a thinning of the outer edges at times and at other times they become thick." . . . .

(Fault lines, Sou. Calif. area): "Part of this fault is on the verge of slipping, but when the slip will take place we do not know. We are keeping close watch on the ether pressure over the west coast. When the downward pressure begins to take on an up-and-down motion, we know that there will be an earthquake. When the ether gives way the earth gives way also. You will eventually have apparatus for measuring changes in the etheric pressures.

There are many ethers of different densities and each affects all the others as well as the substance of your globe. It is hard to give an intelligible idea of this. One might think of many layers of rubber with a

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* Natalli describes himself as a 16th century astronomer, contemporary with Shakespeare; he communicates with us thru the deep-trance mediumship of Mark Probert, at San Diego.

coating of oil between them. There is a vibrational movement and a kind of directional movement of each layer butonly with reference to the other layers. In both the atomic world and the astronomical world there seems to be directional movement, but this is relative. Professor Einstein will find a change is needed with reference to the arc of space. Light appears to bend back, but this is not to say that the universe of space is limited to the outer degrees of that arc. Space is a straight line, and the apparent arcing comes from the kind of mathematics we use in our computations. . . And when an atom moves or is compelled to move and produces a line of light on a film, it has travelled millions of miles by comparison of this track with its own size. . . All things in the universe work under the law of mutual pressure and according to the law of inverse squares . . . All motion runs in straight lines ... all form is the result of pressure . . .

"The great Suns keep one another in action -- that is why some of them are so large. They are made of gaseous matter. The matter comes out of interstellar space and feeds the suns; it is the debris of universes. The Suns exert an electromagnetic pull until they reach a point of saturation; then they start repelling the matter into space - and the result of this is the "cosmic showers" -- As to the colors of the aurora, these are caused by the reflection of light from the lower others onto atmospheric particles.

"Chee - chee-ga! In the YU, chee* means energy-force; not necessarily, however, the kind or form of energy that will run a machine. Chee means electricity. Chee-ga is energy acting in a body or in a machine. (Q) -- Yes, my people in YU had flying craft. They were not powered in the same way as your planes. . . (Q). No, not difficult. . . Yes, you can . . . Yes, they much resembled the flying discs, or some of them, in some ways. . . "

(Verb. sap!! - Perspectives and possibilities implicit in these communications are not for this writer to expound here. As to chee & chee-ga, the spelling is phonetic. And concerning the whole of what is quoted from Natalli, I wish to emphasize that I was trying to take notes and ask a few questions at the same time. From long experience with this communicator I feel confident that obscurities and any seeming contradictions in his remarks are due to my own omissions and can be cleared up by more leisurely questioning.

(Incidentally, when the Controls gave the name Ka-ree-ta to the flying discs and other craft, some five years back, we had the name correct. But our knowledge of the YU language amounted then, as now, to a rimless cipher - so, we thought the Controls were saying Corrida, which makes sense. But Ka-ree-ta is right, and means God-Man-Flight, or God-Man-in-flight. Perhaps, some time in the problematical future, this word will be known as truly descriptive and will take an established place. Turn up your dictionary for 1990 and see for yourselves.

On the evening of April 5, '51, I was able to put several more questions to NATALLI. Wherever these are not explicitly stated their content can easily be inferred from the replies:

1. As to conditions in the interior of the earth. There is no more pressure at or near the center of the earth than elsewhere in its mass. That is to say, the pressure varies, but it does not build up to enormous figures at the center, as some scientists seem to believe. Some substances within the earth are extremely dense, out of their own nature. Some parts are solid and some are liquid, often in alternate layers, which creates a kind of cushion or buffer effect.

2. As to temperature, there are all degrees of heat, and even regions of extreme cold in the interior of the globe. There are places where considerable heat is encountered at only 500-700 feet.

3. It is true that radio-active elements are mainly confined to the outer layers of the crust, say 20-30 miles in depth; but the increase in heat in some mines and deep borings is not due to radio-activity nor to regions of internal heat, but to the action of the surface air.

4. The lunar craters are mostly due to internal upheaval, but a few are due to meteorites. Either cause can be invoked to explain the fact that the displaced material is about equal in bulk to the capacity of the crater.

5. The object that fell in Siberia in 1908 was part of a large asteroid that passed by the earth. It was very dense in nature.

6. The white cloud that is often observed over Venus consists of dust particles stirred up by vast cyclonic storms that sweep over the planet and lift millions of tons of eroded rock.

7. So far as I know, Mercury was never a satellite of Venus.

8. Venus has the very slow or long rotation period on account of its very great density. It does not react to pressures in the way that other planets do. Yes! Mars and Mercury are also smaller than the earth and have a higher density, but this density is not high enough to slow down the rotation, as in the case of Venus.

9. Yes! The planet Vulcan exists but it is very small, about half the size of the earth.

10. Yes! The Martian polar caps can be called snow, but it is almost what one might call dry snow - like dry ice. I think there is a great deal of ammonia in the atmosphere.

11. The SUNS are the great cleansing agents of the Cosmos; they are fed by the debris and residue of universes. After a sun reaches a point of saturation it begins to repel the particles and an atom-smashing effect ensues -- cosmic particles -- electrons.* There is no combustion on the sun; it is not even hot in the common sense of the word.

12. Such earth features as the Grand Canyon are NOT produced by erosion, except in very small part - that is, erosion by surface water. They were caused primarily by meteor impacts followed by great storms and long violent rains. The earth and rock coloration comes from the effect of the meteor and the heat generated at the time.

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* Exact connections of "electrons" not clear from notes.

Practically all of these are moot questions among astronomers and were selected for that reason. Cp the articles by Fred Hoyle in Harper's and his recent book.

(Q by ML) Can you tell us the nature of the res spot so often observed on Jupiter?). (A. It is due to a terrific amount of iron oxide. (Q). Yes, it is concentrated in a particular spot due to the special perturbations of that planet. (Q) Yes, it is a permanent feature of the planet. There is some fluctuation in its position, however, not registerable upon your present telescopic plates.

(Q): It is believed by some astronomers that the major planets are shells of ice and solid hydrogen enclosing a core of rock or metal). (A) Yes, that is true; but the red mark on Jupiter is created by rapid oxidation. Yes, the metal cores are of extreme density; it is a combination of metals but more iron. There is some lead, in fact a considerable degree of it.

(Q. Do the large planets have larger magnetic fields than the smaller ones? ) (A) Size and density are the determining factors. The greater the density the greater the magnetic pull. (Q): Yes, one of the larger planets might conceivably have a smaller magnetic field than a small and very dense planet.

(Q. Dr. Fred Hoyle, the mathematician, writes that probably there are more than a million stars in the Milky Way which possess satellites on which life like our own is easily conceivable). (A) Yes - let us speak only of the law of chance. It is not possible to conceive that the earth would be the only one throughout the solar system where there is life and what is called human life. There are many repetitions in the scheme of things. In many points of space there are bodies like your earth. In not too long a time, providing you do not destroy your earth, you will find by experimenting with communication instruments, such intelligences in space. (Q).(A) Yes, interplanetary communication will be possible and actual. As my honored friend Yada di Shi'ite has said, "That which man sets his mind to has always a very strong element of possibility, dependent on the minds which are making the effort.

(Q. Is it a fact, then, that colonization of one planet from another has actually taken place in times past?). (A) It has. From one body in the skies to another many things have come. I have learned to give reverence to that word thing. It covers a great field. In reality that is what all is - a Thing. We do not know what any "thing" is in itself. We in the body or the senses of the body are much like a single finger stuck into a dark unexplored hole; the senses are registering part of what is found there. Registered by pressure. What things are, apart from this pressure, we do not know.

In the supposed 'beginning' the original substance was what I may call mind-stuff moving out from a center - and the nature of this mind-stuff was heat. The outer circles of these advancing heat bands cooled more rapidly than the others, creating a cold wave that rushed back upon the heat waves, causing tremendous explosions. Each successive explosion created a new substance . . . breaking down the atomic bodies by destroying what you call today the electronic field. These electrons would strike or merge with other atoms, knock off an electron or adhere;

but in both instances it would be creating a different substance. Am I making myself clear to you? It is very difficult for us to express ourselves along scientific lines through the boy (medium) for his brain cells are not attuned for scientific words.

(Q. About the sun, again. Is there any change in the size of the sun? This involves the question of loss by radiant energy). (A) No, because the suns are constantly being fed from other matter that is drifting in space - that is, thrown off by other bodies that are being built. Space contains more trillions of tons of this waste matter than can be put down in figures, and this keeps rushing into the various suns.

As the suns reach their capacity of absorption they become bodies of repulsion and will not take on any more. Then they start rejecting the electronic shells of the atoms they have smashed, and the radiant heat energy, the essence of it, is the true body of the sun taken from the heart of the atom.

(Q. by G.A. What are the sun spots?). (A). The sun spots are sometimes referred to by your scientists as possible storms. In a manner of speaking that is true; but they are radiant heat storms of different kinds of battling matter, matter that has been broken down. When you begin to have a great deal of static in your atmosphere and your scientists observe these sun spots, the sun in your solar system has reached its capacity of absorption and is giving off and charging your earth with cosmic particles.
(Q. by G.A. We have an eleven-year cycle of sun spots - sun spots definitely affect our ionic layers). (A) Yes, they do - because these particles that the suns are spewing onto other bodies cause great mutations and create new chemicals, new substances.

(G.A. Then when sun spots are at their peak we are being bombarded with these cosmic rays?). (A) This is going on constantly, and that is why your suns cannot run down, cannot give out; because they are not burning something, but they are energy creators.

(Q. by M.L. What about the supposed conversion of hydrogen into helium as a source of solar energy/ Does it figure largely?). (A) It does indeed, for much of the matter in the sun is helium. (Q. As much as %75-%80 or as low as %35?). (A) It is a flux, of course; I would say it runs between %40 to sometimes upward of %110. (Q. by GA. On what standard percentage basis? We speak in percentages as 100 being the whole). (A) In that case then, never above %60.

(Q. by GA. Just for the record, what basis were you using for your quantity of 110?) (A) In comparison to some of the other elements and considering also their weight. (GA. I wanted to get an idea of your mathematical method). (A) So much has to do with mass, weight,density etc. Some tables cannot be worked out in the way others can. You have to use a different system.

(Q. by ML. Some of our astronomers believe the temperature at the center of the sun is about 15 million degrees Centigrade). (Q. by GA. There are no extreme temperatures on the sun itself? And the core of the sun is not necessarily hotter than the surface?). (A) That depends; it is likely to be during sun spot time. (Q. by ML. A temperature as high as that wouldn't produce light or ordinary heat effects, it would be in the region of the X-ray lengths, wouldn't it?). (A) Yes, it would. We can say that about the cosmic rays, they are extremely short, even shorter than the X-rays. (Q. by I.P. You are giving Mark a chapter on that subject in the book?) (A) That is right.

(Q. by GA. To go from our solar system to the galaxy theory - is it correct that we are in the midst of a huge wheel of matter and that there are several of them with empty space in between?) (A) Yes, island universes with vast spaces between. If it could be noted properly by your instruments you would find that none of the island universes are completely round. Truthfully, there is not a round body in all space.

(Q. by ML. How would you describe the shape of the earth?) (A) I would say it is more like a pear, not fully that, but more pear-shaped than oval or spherical . . . its orbit is egg-shaped . . . in its motion through space there is a spiral movement.

> (Note: The shape of the earth has been described by other communicators at these seances as being "like a squash, with a kind of a neck". The current superstition taught in all schools, of course, is that the globe is a "slightly oblate spheroid" and that this is conclusively proved by triangulation - in spite of abundant proof that the curvature required by such a spheroid does not exist except in certain areas. There are in fact some half-dozen workable theories of the earth's shape, and my own guess would be, that if the "squash shape" were known and we had a full mathematical description of it, the numerous contradictions involved in all the other theories could be resolved. A squash shape or pear shape would present a globe-like curvature in very large areas, but a very different aspect in other regions. And I have never yet encountered any communicator from the astral levels, who displayed scientific knowledge and also believed that the earth is an oblate spheroid, and "nothing but". M.L.)

(Q. by ML. I believe most of our geophysicists maintain that there must be enormous pressure at the center of the globe due to the weight of the overlying strata). (A) No, there is not. There are layers of liquids and of dense solids and also what might be called layers of gas though these are so compressed as to be almost solid. But the main cause of density in your earth is centrifugal force, not the outer pressure of weighty matter itself.

(Q. by ML. Talking about our own globe, will you tell us something about the caverns in the earth?). (A) There are many caverns. One of the greatest is to be found in the northern hemisphere near the north pole. Under all those great ice fields there are vast caverns .
(Q. Are there openings from these caverns to the surface?). (A) As I have already said things probably unorthodox to your scientists

I guess I can say more. Yes, there are such openings. One opens into the Arctic Sea and one into the Behring Sea. (Q). (A) Yes, there is a very extensive flow of surface water into these openings. It causes lakes and streams in the earth. (Q). (A) Yes, it may be fresh water but it often goes in as salt water and comes out at another point on the earth as spring or fresh water, having been purified in going thru the various minerals.

(Q. by ML. Would you like to tell us anything about the people who dwell underground?). (A) There have been such people and perhaps still are, altho I haven't investigated,myself. (Q. by GA. Is it true that they are green?). (A) Not only green but also extremely white, depending on the nature of the elements they are living close to.

(Q. by I.P. Do any members of the Inner Circle stay around Mark during his sleeping hours? Often different personalities talk thru Mark in his sleep and frequently they discuss scientific things. This morning some fellow was saying something about some pellets. He said there are five different types of pellets that can be put in the bottom of cisterns or reservoirs, and that they would draw moisture from the air and fill the reservoir. Do you know anything about this?) - (A) Do you think this is the answer to the story of the barrel poltergeist - the solution of the mysterious chicken barrel? I think it very possible to make such pills from certain chemicals and that they will have the property of attracting moisture from the air. . . About the one who talks to you in the YU language, we shall have to find out who he is. Perhaps my honorable colleague Yada di Shi'ite knows."

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NOTES: The last paragraph above contains, possibly, an 'explanation' of the self-replenishing barrel which omits the idea of a water elemental being at the bottom of the phenomenon (or of the barrel); what is needed now is a tricksy chemist, or maybe a defunct AMA practitioner who is still tricky and has learned a few new ones - -

As to the interior of the earth, underground races and numerous related matters, there's really no excuse for ignorance; consult the Rosicrucians, Doreal of the W.B., and Dick Shafer, to name but a few. Or so we're told. You-all, Natalli, and your editor neglect our opportunities. If you-all insist on knowing what is what, and why, we're not going to help you. All we do is to read, listen, and print certain odds and ends --

And we have printed all these pages of talk by Natalli because we have been listening to him about once a week for the last five years and have come to respect his knowledge - and because, as said before, his patient answers to questions give a kind of running commentary on the very latest guesses of the astronomers; his alternatives are at least reasonable, plausible, and devastating-if-true. Anyone who wants "proof"-positive 'and be quick about it' should die, go to the astral and study astronomy. And if you find out 'truth', don't expect to be believed.

Professor Luntz: Memory - the Etheric Body etc.

"The part of memory called retention is a function of the psychic or etheric body (the same thing). The moving principle is association. A stimulus excites the granules in the nerves, oxidation and heat results, and a line of force moves into the psyche. It is as if this motion ran in a groove. This trackcan never be erased, though it may undergo modifications. -- The psyche is, of course, an actual body. Recollection is a stirring up of the etheric cells. In this connection, what you call telepathy never involves any transfer of energy; it is more correct to describe it as induction.

"The Ego comes as a light wave which infiltrates the material seed in the mother's body. When it starts building the new body it creates stress lines in it and in the mother. Growth takes place a few cells at a time, and the mother cells become able to receive all manner of signals and suggestions from the outer world. These are imprinted on the cells somewhat as my voice is being imprinted on that tape at this moment. However, all the cells of the body are sensitive to suggestion thru the sense experiences of the mother.

"If there is ill-feeling in the home the cells are affected by it. Later on when the child is born these cells are full of stress lines caused by what has happened before birth. As the child grows he will have all kinds of ailments and the doctors will give him medicine and perhaps shock treatments and so on. But a drug may react violently on one person and perhaps not at all on another.

"One of the best modes of treatment is by psychiatry - that is, it would be if more psychiatrists knew their subject and stopped creating more trouble than they cure. Hypnosis would be best of all, provided (again) that the operator knew his business. But very little is known about the psyche (etheric body) - and that is the sole reason, or almost so, for the very small percentage of cures.

"Germs can be and are created in the etheric body. Under hypnosis the psyche can be called up and talked to, and made to understand what is happening to the body. It can be told to cure the body, to change its condition and to heal it.

"The etheric body creates germs under suggestion from the consciousness. It has no time sense, however."

Earthquakes: "A quake has been predicted on your side for the San Francisco region, for June 10 next. At present this seems very likely to be correct. It may not be exactly on the 10th and may not be of intensity 12 as predicted, but perhaps of about intensity 6. We base our opinions on the appearance of the fault lines and of the ether movements. The present conditions are such that you would be justified in warning your friends in the San Francisco area. There will probably be a quake in the Hawaiian Islands before the one mentioned. -- Quakes are often caused by bodies in the sky, solid bodies entering the solar system, like the present so-called meteorite, probably part of Wolf 457 and hence extremely dense and heavy."

## VARIORUM

**Answers to ANXIOUS INQUIRER:** ... Flying Discs are still with us though comparatively rare of late. The Mark P. Controls say they will probably return in large numbers "within a few months." Those that we hear about at BSRA Hdqrs. receive scant attention in the press, partly because of a tacit, sometimes open censorship, partly because as news stories they cannot compete with the Korean war and the name-calling in Washington. Meanwhile we repeat our song with no 'refrain': The BSRA has offered,for several years past, the ONLY explanation (good science, sound metaphysics) of these phenomena. It came originally from the Mark P. Controls, we have found no reason to reject it, no alternative to it; there are precious few people who understand it or want to. There are a few men highly placed in authority who do understand the explanation and accept it; and a good many more who believe the Discs are interplanetary visitors ( which is one-fourth of a piece of the truth) but are not going to say so publicly. -- And maybe when our asbestos-paper edition comes out, we'll print verbatim what most of our BSR Associates say about 'scientific' pussyfooters, moronic columnists and mouthy-mothy commentators ( there are a few exceptions whom we praise as with harps). All these little disagreements, however, will come out in the wash, that is, when the Gods or Nature gets through with the present laundry job on the planet named Terra and her untidy children. . .

**Goblin Market again** Meanwhile, anybody who loves a melange of the incredible for its own sake - or contrarywise thinks Nature is most orderly, intelligible, and doing only what scientists permit her to do - should subscribe to the Fortean magazine DOUBT (Box 192 Grand Central Annex, NYC); it prints pages 'n pages of the extravagancies, extra-vagantes,of her ways - and not scientifiction. Main mission of DOUBT is to make people do so - especially to doubt the smug generalizations of scientists, and so far is praiseworthy. The Forteans haven't any of the answers, of course, and probably wouldn't admit it if they did, whereas the BSR idea is to get an inch or two past the Oh-my-Gawd stage if possible (as with flying discs, for instance). However, your Director is a member of the Society (whenever he has two dollars) and recommends it - partly because RR doesn't have space to print a fourth part of the curiosa our Associates tell us about - but somebody ought to print them.

**Good Reporting by E.R. Seger** E.R. Seger (420 Crystal, Milford, Mich.) has collected a formidable body of data on sky phenomena, each instance of which he will "%100 guarantee to be genuine." We print one of the shorter of these items as an example of the kind of detailed observation the BSR is always glad to receive.

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CIGAR-SHAPED OBJECT. Observed by Robert Barthel of Milford, Mich. Sunday, July 10, 1949.

Date: as above.
Place: 2.3 mi. W of Milford, Mich.
Time: About 11:45 a.m.
Appearance: Silvery body shaped like a cigar.
Length: About half the apparent width of the moon.
Diameter: Less than ¼ of the length.
Color: Silvery white
Sound: None heard. Odor: none apparent.

Material: metallic
Direction: W-NW in NW sky.
Movement: very fast, 200 - 500 m.p.h.
Height: about 20-30 deg.abv. horizon or about 10,000 ft.
Distance: several miles.
Duration: 5-10 sec.
Visibility: clear; a few stratocirrus clouds in SW, sun overhead in Sou.sky.
Witnesses: one.

OUTLINE: This object stayed bright during the entire observation indicating that it has a cruved surface to be able to reflect the sunlight during passage. No color change. Straight horizontal flight. No trail or sound and the fixed length definitely rules out the possibility that a meteor or airplane was seen. I can safely say that Mr. Barthel's honesty is without dispute. He has no opinion to express as to the nature of the object, but less than a week before a group of the "flying saucers" had been seen at Honor, Mich. This object travelled less than a quarter the length of the sky.

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Assoc. Seger has also sent us a photograph showing a room interior, table, two apports on table, clear diffused light; but the photo was taken by prolonged time exposure in complete darkness, so that the light itself may be taken as accompanying the apportation - a most unusual feature so far as our information goes.

The Devic Hypothesis: Edward L. Gardner of Salisbury, England (writer, occultist) advances a theory which has even less chance of being understood than our Etheric explanation (of the Discs). To begin with, one needs to grasp the fact that such creatures as gnomes, undines, salamanders and sylphs really exist; they are beings of a stream of life parallel to ours and called the Deva evolution - Nature spirits or Elementals of the four Elements known to occultism (earth, water, fire, and air). (The Four Elements, by the way, represent states of matter, solid, liquid, gaseous, and radiant). The Devas or Elementals of the Air, the Sylphs, are said in occult lore to be able to communicate. Spatially, they inhabit the upper atmosphere, their world is called Rupatala and is the borderland between the astral and the subtle physical (etheric). Mr. Gardner suggests that our radio, radar, and atobombs have disturbed their domain and that they have descended to investigate. (That's a good deal like

like what the M.P. Controls have told us with reference to the Etherians).

"That which intrigues me most" (says Mr. Gardner) "is that their shape is said to resemble a disc or saucer, because if imagination colored the reports, the form would be much more likely to have a wing structure. . . The whirling wheel pattern is typical of many devic Orders. . . I do not hold any brief for the Sylphs, yet it would be quite in line with the tendencies of the new age that man should soon make direct contacts with Devic life . . . The causal Nuclei which are the ultimate vehicles of human consciousness, would possess a turn of speed comparable to that of light. . . If the Discs be traceable to an extra-planetary source, Venus is the most probable as it is in its 7th and final Round. Even then, however, the Sylphs here are a likely intermediary."

Most of us are constantly in danger of getting hopelessly involved in hopeless arguments which are really misunderstandingsover words,terms, definitions. "The Discs are alive"! Very well. Some truly thoughtful persons identify them with the Living Wheels of Ezekiel, or with Cherubim and Seraphim ("alive" in that sense of the word). But the wheel-shaped Sylphs of Air have been known to students of the "occult" for ages. And the human-like inhabitants of certain Etheric regions have also long been known; and they can often change their forms at will,and create what forms they will out of etheric matter. Since matter is also 'alive', and etheric matter is perfectly responsive to the will, even the material, visible, tangible Discs are 'alive' also.

The M.P. Controls, amused at such divergences and perplexities, remark drily that even the atoms are alive, that everything lives and is itself a spark of life-and-consciousness; if it makes you happier to refer to an Etherian as a Sylph, that is quite all right. A Disc is a thought-form to begin with, so is an automobile or a dynamo or anything else made by either man or the Gods. And the matter in which it materializes is alive..

Now - let us say it once again - it is our belief that the universe swarms with living beings of every form and kind - and that the word Etherian is an omnibus word, a portmanteau word, but a better one than sylphs and Elementals and Cherubim. And for why? Because it connects definitely with modern speculative science, mathematics, cosmology, and also with ancient metaphysics and esoteric knowledge generally. It established relations and enables us to think the problem, to some extent. That is the function of an "explanation" - it must relate facts to each other. A Kerub and a Salamander are doubtless quite as "real" as an Etherian from Altair - but it is only the last named that I can even begin to deal with mentally. Let us remember, too, that all these beings, and thousands more, have many names in many tongues; so it is not the word Etherian that we hold fast to, but the concept. Of the Etheric peoples we know next to nothing, and of the Ethers science has only two or three syllables so far - but there may be - maybe - a world-opportunity to learn more, much more, if we will open our eyes and stretch out our hands to it.

### The Discs & the Caverns

The "Shaver Mystery Club Letterine (Vol.II, No. 2,Zine 7) (Box 484, Chicago 90) prints a letter from Dick Shaver containing his answers to numerous questions - among which occurs the following:

"What connection do flying saucers have with the caverns"? To which Mr. Shaver replies as follows: "Every connection. They transport earth goods, bring other goods from other planets, trade with the caverns, are the flying force of the cavern people, and also the ships from other planets. We will hear a lot more of the flying saucers before we hear less. They are the conveyances of our actual rulers, who prefer to keep their existence a kind of open secret. Most of our real 'big shots' have some contact with power behind the flying saucers."

The BSR Directors by no means possess all the store of knowledge claimed by Mr. Shaffer, but we have always insisted on the great variety in shape, size, appearance and activities not only of the Discs, but of the long succession of strange "craft" seen in our skies during the last five years, and we have pointed out that very likely no single explanation would cover all the actions and purposes of these craft. We have believed that the disc-shaped craft came from Venus-Etheria, others from the etheric regions of the earth, others from "beyond the galaxies", as the Controls have expressed it.

If we accept recent information from these same Controls, we shall have to recognize that similar craft were once used by earth people. This lends weight to the possibility that the secret of their construction is still known here - and perhaps by Cavern People. Such machines are said to possess the speed and flight power of the planetary Discs, and to derive their fuel from atmospheric oxygen - but apparently they would not be capable of interplanetary or interstellar flight. This latter feat is not possible for any form of material known to us, but could be attained by a projected thought-construct materializing in the so-called dense matter of Terra or any other celestial body. The situation is simply, that the etheric explanation is not contradicted by any data now at hand, and yet does not exclude other plausible explanations for certain kinds and phases of the phenomena, some of which are mentioned by Mr. Shaver above.

The zeal for simplification is supposed to be a virtue, and is connected with what is called "economy of causes", but it is responsibility for any amount of mental laziness, bigotry, and blundering. "Pains in the stomach are caused by green apples; therefore all such pains are due to green apples and nothing else." "Some 'spirit' raps are caused by toe joints; therefore ....." (you finish it). "Some flying discs are balloons, therefore . . ." If we had enough data on the Discs et cet. to make the whole of the phenomena half-way explainable, thnikable, intelligible, it would certainly run to hundreds or thousands of pages. But who wants to understand anything if it's going to require a few hundred pages of reading, a little effort, a few new ideas and growing pains? "Answered the Echo - Who-o-o hoo-o-hoo-o-o."

REPORTER T" Enters now one of our most highly esteemed Associates, under the title of "Reporter T", contributing his bit or sizable bite to the bepuzzlement of nations (or of RR readers anyhow). Reporter T is a very sane, hardheaded, critical minded fellow, who nevertheless believes that he has, at times, mental contact with people of the caverns. "I can't guarantee what I get is entirely 'genuine', he writes, 'because I cannot precisely rule out the possible share of my own subconsciousness.' That situation, of course, is rather the rule than the exception in the whole field of psychism and supernormal happenings, so we shall quote a few paragraphs anyhow, assuring you meanwhile of the high personal integrity of the the "Reporter").

Question by Reporter T. Can you tell me anyhting about flying discs and other strange objects in the sky?) (A) Yes, if it is lawful to tell and you have ability to understand.

(Q.) (Meade Layne says they are Etherians, some say they come from other planets, some that they are from our own earth. Which one is right?) (A). All of them are right. There are many different objects which some people are able to see at times. They come from different places, other planets, other planes, and other places on this planet or coexistant with it.

(Q. Then there are Etherians?) (A) Yes. (Q.Are they human beings?) (A) Is steam water? Is a mixture of hydrogen and oxygen gas water? (Q. Not exactly). (A) Yet they can be produced from water and converted into water. (Q.) I see. (A) I doubt it.

(Q. Can you communicate with these Etherians at will?) (A) Yes, if we have any reason for doing so. . . (Q. How is this accomplished?) (A) Exactly as I am now communicating with you - merely a matter of converting or translating vibrational frequencies to establish rapport between two intelligencies ...

(Q. Are their intentions toward us friendly?) (A) That depends on your thoughts toward them. As ye sow, so shall ye reap. None of good will need have any fear of them.
(Q. But those not of good will might suddenly cease to be, eh?)
(A). No member of any truly great race will ever deliberately kill. The Laws are very strict. They will watch, and try to prevent evil or to counter it.
(Q. But surely there are among us many who have no right to live).
(A) Who among us is omniscient, that he can say, 'this brother is worthy to live, and this one is not? That is for the Unnameable alone to decide.
(Q. Do you believe in the Brotherhood of Man?) (A) Not merely of Man. You are brother to every intelligent being and force in the Universe. There may at times be erring brothers, but they are still brothers.
(Q. Even the Serpent Peoples?) (A). They are Brothers. Some of them are very worthy brothers.

:: (Q. Do the discs from other planets come here in normal :
:: flight, or do they materialize and dematerialize as some :
:: have claimed? :

> (A) That depends on where they come from. Those from nearby points come by what you would call normal flight. Those from distant places are teleported here. They are converted into pure energy at the place of origin and materialized back to their original form here. Some may have seen them during the process of rematerialization . . . This process is possible because what you call material objects ARE merely pure energy - energy which has been stopped. It is difficult to explain.

(Q. How about the disc which crashed in Mexico?) (A) That was an error in teleportation. Other crashes have been caused by your radar. It disrupts the normal vibrational pattern of some of the discs. If they can compensate for it quickly enough, all is well. Otherwise they crash.

(Q) Why don't the pilots of the discs land and get acquainted with the people of this planet?) (A) Would you?

(Q. But surely there are some among us of superior ethics and intelligence whom they could contact. (A) What leads you to believe that they have not done so?

(Q. Scientists who have examined the fallen discs say they can find no means of propulsion.

(A) Your scientists would not recognize the means if they saw it. It is something completely out of the range of their thinking. The discs are powered from the pure energy flows which permeate all space and all planets. You know something of the manifestions of these flows - electricity, light, heat, gravitation and so on; but you know nothing about the source of these, the primary flows or universal energy in pure form. I cannot explain it to you.

(Q. Why not?) (A) Could you explain algebra or the calculus to a three-year old? (Q. No, of course not; he would have no background or basis of comparison). (A) Precisely.

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Our readers will note the substantial agreement of Reporter T, Mr. Richard Shaver and many of our BSR conjectures and data concerning the great variety and complexity of the phenomena, from all points of view. And we may reasonably expect to find means of propulsion of some of these craft adapted to our atmosphere only, while others may be capable of space flight. As to these latter, the brilliant essays of Associates Hilliard and Edw. Schultz, printed in our BSR booklet on the discs ("Etherships") remain basically firm and by far the best yet offered anywhere.

We cannot as yet hope for much consideration at the hands of 'orthodox' and run-of-the-mill scientists - but we are anxious that our BSR Associates should have a clear perspective on the complexities of the Ethership problem, and a good idea of our actual position up to the present. These are not casual phenomena and freaks of nature, like a two-headed calf or the siamese twin cockroaches (latest achievements of research); there is every reason to think them events of incalculableimport to the future of humanity.

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